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### **First COVID-19 Case Confirmed at the Utah State Prison in Draper**

The Utah Department of Corrections (UDC) has confirmed its first positive case of COVID-19 at the Utah State Prison in Draper on May 29, 2020.

UDC will not be releasing the name of the offender or their housing location.

The inmate is male and between the ages of 18-24, and is in stable condition and has been isolated.

The offender came into the facility as an intake from a county jail on May 27 and was tested and confirmed within 48 hours of arrival, while housing with only a small group of others who came into the facility at the same time.

Starting May 20, the UDC moved to once a week intake day for those transitioning to prison from a county jail or from Adult Probation and Parole. In direct consultation with local health officials, UDC has worked to test all intakes shortly after their arrival, along with housing intakes together for a period of two weeks before moving them to general population.

UDC is working in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, and coordinating closely with state and local health officials to ensure that all containment steps are taken, which include but are not limited to isolating the infected inmate who will receive frequent health checks; coordinating with local health officials on quarantine procedures and contact tracing; and ensuring that proper cleaning protocols are implemented.

“We are working actively to contain any potential spread of COVID-19 within our facilities,” said Mike Haddon, executive director for the Utah Department of Corrections. “As this situation continues to evolve, you can be sure that we will continue to be responsive in making decisions that both ensure public safety and keep incarcerated individuals healthy.”

UDC is dedicated to ensuring that any offender who is isolated or quarantined will have access to some form of communication with their loved ones while maintaining isolation protocols.

The Department does provide on-site medical care through the Clinical Services Bureau, which operates infirmaries at both the Utah State Prison and the Central Utah Correctional Facility. The infirmaries

offer comprehensive, on-site medical care where medical staff can treat or stabilize inmates needing health care. Mental health services are also available to inmates as needed.

The Bureau also contracts with the University of Utah Hospital for treatment of seriously ill inmates who cannot be properly cared for at an infirmary or require evaluation or care from a specialist.

In regards to COVID-19 treatment, if an inmate needs greater care such as access to a ventilator, then they will be seen at a hospital.

UDC is driven to ensure that staff, inmates, and the general public are informed of recent developments within Corrections during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over the last couple months, the Department has proactively taken stringent steps for prevention, and toward containment. You can learn more about those efforts and continued updates at [corrections.utah.gov](https://corrections.utah.gov)

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#### **Utah Department of Corrections**

Mission Statement: Our dedicated team of professionals ensures public safety by effectively managing offenders while maintaining close collaboration with partner agencies and the community. Our team is devoted to providing maximum opportunities for offenders to make lasting changes through accountability, treatment, education, and positive reinforcement within a safe environment.